

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

October 22, 2025

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

MEMBERS:

Julie Chetney, Chairperson
Trish Gonzales, Board President
Bill Stewart, Board Director
Gisele Ragusa, Committee Member
Lisa Nguyen, Committee Member
Yan Li, Committee Member

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Natalie Webber, Committee Member

GUESTS:

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A) CLOSED SESSION – Julie Chetney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

The committee had the following 3 applicants scheduled for closed session interviews.

- 4:35 PM – M. Hasan
- 5:05 PM – D. Sarmiento
- 5:35 PM – P. Fode

B) AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL

- The meeting transitioned from a closed session to a public meeting at 6 pm.

- The agenda was reviewed.
- The minutes of the August 27, 2025 and September 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Nguyen/Stewart) The committee approved the minutes.
Abstain: Gonzales
- The committee will be recommending applicant, David Sarmiento, to the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families. Ms. Fode did not attend her scheduled interview. The committee is requesting that Mr. Hasan attend several meetings of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families, after which his application will be reconsidered.

C) PUBLIC INPUT

None

D) STRATEGIC PLAN – *Strategic Plan Quarterly Report (7/1/25 – 9/30/25)*

Executive Director, Jesse Weller, provided the following updates

- Celebrations – Key Accomplishments
- Four Goals – Guiding Framework
- Executive Summary
- The North Star of the Plan
- Goal 1: Enhance Service Excellence
 - Key accomplishments
 - Upcoming focus
 - Service excellence objectives
- Goal 2: Strengthen Community Engagement
 - Community engagement objectives
- Goal 3: Enhance People Operations & Talent Development
- Goal 4: Operational Efficiency & Technology
 - Percentage of objective of track
- Resources to Prevent Roadblocks
- Foresight Planning

Mr. Weller also noted that he will work with Hortencia Sanchez, Director of Clinical Services, to present intake measures data in the future.

E) ANNUAL BOARD TRAINING SURVEY RESULTS- *Julie Chetney*

The committee reviewed the training questionnaire results and developed a proposed training plan for 2026. Required DDS mandated trainings were included and the remaining sessions were selected based on the highest ranking

questionnaire results. The proposed schedule below will be presented to the Board for approval.

February 25, 2026 – Understanding the Full Range of Services Available Through the Regional Center

April 22, 2026 – Understanding the Role of the Department of Developmental Services and ARCA

July 22, 2026 – Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members, Whistleblower Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy

October 28, 2026 – DEI & Cultural Humility

F) ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned.